

## **REMARKS**

Claims 18 – 34 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1 – 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants note that claims 1 – 17 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject-matter contained therein. Therefore, the rejections have been rendered moot.

New claims 18 – 34 have been presented herein and have been drafted in view of the examiner's rejections of claims 1 – 17. More specifically, new claims 18 – 34 have been drafted to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Further, new claims 18 – 34 do not include originally objected to language, such as "i.e.", "can be" and "or". Accordingly, Applicants anticipate prompt and favorable consideration of new claims 18 – 34.

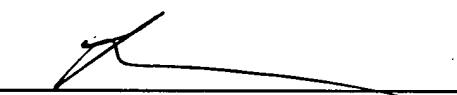
**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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